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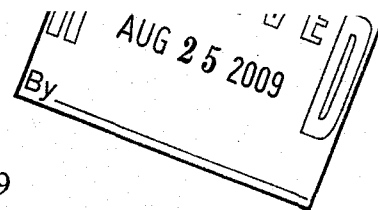
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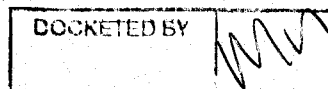
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Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing  
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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

The Arizona Corporation Commission is meeting later this week to consider a proposal to increase the Performance-Based Incentives Program to subsidize the implementation of solar energy technology in this state. These incentives are important for the development of the solar energy market in the State of Arizona and are important to Arizona State University (ASU).

As you are probably aware, ASU is installing a substantial amount of renewable solar energy at its campuses. These projects represent in excess of \$50 million of investment by our private sector development partners, and will create jobs that are critical for Arizona's economy. ASU and state taxpayers will also benefit from the energy cost savings that will occur from the favorable cost per kWh rate incorporated in these installations, which is fixed for at least the next 15-20 years.

To date, we have installed nearly 2 MWs of photovoltaic systems on our Tempe campus, and are under contract with our solar developers to install approximately 6.5 MWs of

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additional solar photovoltaics that would only be possible through support of this incentive program. These projects are under contract and were awarded through a competitive bid process. Our solar development partners are nearing design completion and are ready to begin installation as soon as we receive confirmation that incentives are available.

Thank you for considering the impact of these incentives to the State's development of solar energy programs and to ASU's solar projects. The Performance-Based Incentives Program is vital for our short-term and long-term economic health, and for demonstrating that Arizona is on the forefront in renewable energy investments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Crow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and the last name "Crow" clearly distinguishable.

Michael M. Crow  
President

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